

*Annedale (Te Nui).*—There has been 93 points more rain this year than last, being 47.63 in., on 157 days, being sixteen days fewer. There has not been much drying weather, and the creeks and dams are full, having kept up their normal height through the past nine months. There is a good growth of grass, and white clover is plentiful, and all stock doing well. We have not had either the extremes of dry weather nor flood experienced in other parts of the Dominion.—(*H. A. Nevins.*)

*Pahautanui.*—The weather during the past month has been summer all through. The highest temperature was on the 18th and 19th, 70° and 71° respectively being recorded. The rain which fell on the 21st and 23rd produced a humid warmth. This caused potato-blight, though not in a very virulent form. The apple crop promises to be heavy, and codlin-moth is kept well down through the efforts of the Department concerned. The frequent rains have kept up a splendid supply of feed.—(*J. Pearce.*)

*Timaru (Marlborough).*—An unusually wet month for the time of the year. Owing to the constant showers the barley was discoloured before it was cut,\* and I fear there is not a bright sample in the district.—(*R. F. Goulter.*)

*Mackenzie (Cheviot).*—The first week of December was fine and extremely hot, and heavy rain was experienced on the 8th and 9th. On the 12th a heavy thunderstorm passed a few miles south from here, travelling from west to east, and turning north when at sea. The wind changed from north-east to south-west at 2 p.m., changed again to south-east at 2.30 p.m., changed again to south-west at 4 p.m. with heavy rain and wind. Brilliant forked lightning could be seen during the progress of the thunderstorm. An extremely heavy hailstorm followed, and cut down crops as if they had been mown down, but the trail was not broad.—(*A. C. Bellwood.*)

*Methven.*—The rain which fell on the 8th and 12th came at a most opportune time, as the grain crops were beginning to feel the want of moisture. The result is that the grain crops are expected to give a much better yield than last year, and the prospects in this district are very good.—(*J. Carr.*)

*Hanmer Springs.*—The weather was a good deal unsettled during the month. There was a fall of hail on the 28th instant, and a dusting of snow on high country. Some of the oat crops have been harvested, and others are looking in good condition.—(*S. J. Collett.*)

*Christchurch.*—North-east and south-west winds generally prevalent throughout the month. An average rainfall.—(*H. F. Skey.*)

*Otahuna (Tai Tapu).*—A very windy month.—(*R. Heaton Rhodes.*)

*Pleasant Point (Timaru).*—The rain which fell in the early part of the month made a great difference to vegetation of all kinds, the burnt appearance of the grass paddocks giving place to a fresh green in the course of a few days, while the grain crops took a fresh lease of life, and will now be well filled, although short in the straw. The latter end of the month has been hot and windy, notably on the 24th, when it blew hot and strong from north-west from morning till night. Another good rain would now be welcome, especially for root crops and grass. Harvest has commenced, and will be general in about a week or ten days.—(*J. Bishop.*)

*Waimate.*—Dry conditions of previous month prevailed until the 17th, when a thunderstorm brought welcome rain. Since then the weather has